



Meet Our Preceptors



Kimberly (Kim) Allison, PharmD, BCACP received her Bachelors of Science in Animal Science from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY and PharmD degree from University at Buffalo in Buffalo, NY. She completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency program at VA HVHCS in 2010 and accepted a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist position immediately following. Dr. Allison is Board Certified in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy and is an active member of ASHP and PSSNY. She has been a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at VA HVHCS for three years and her primary responsibilities include managing the anticoagulation, diabetes, and PACT/primary care clinics at the Castle Point and Montrose campuses. She is also actively involved with the Tobacco Cessation program, Diabetes and CHF Shared Medical Appointments, and Clozaril Clinic at the Montrose Campus.

Primary Preceptor (PGY1): Clozaril Clinic (elective), Mental Health (elective)

Secondary Preceptor (PGY1): Anticoagulation, Primary Care/PACT

Primary Preceptor (PGY2): Tobacco Cessation (elective)



Rosa Bates, PharmD, BCACP, received her PharmD degree from St. John's University in Queens, NY in 2006 and completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency program at VA Western New York Healthcare System in Buffalo, NY. Dr. Bates is Board Certified in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy and is an active member of ASHP. She has been a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at VA HVHCS since 2007 years and currently manages the anticoagulation, diabetes, and PACT/primary care clinics at the Castle Point Campus as well as the Pine Plains and Poughkeepsie CBOCs.

Primary Preceptor (PGY1): Anticoagulation, Primary Care/PACT, rural CBOC Primary Care/PACT (elective)

Secondary Preceptor (PGY2): Ambulatory Care/CBOC PACT



Rita Bodine, PharmD received her PharmD degree from St. John's University in Queens, NY and completed a Managed Care Pharmacy Residency at Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic States in Rockville, MD. Dr. Case joined the VA HVHCS pharmacy staff in 2006 serving both staff pharmacist and clinical pharmacist roles. She has extensive experience in managing anticoagulation, diabetes, clozaril, and performing clinical practice management duties. Since 2010, she has served as the Associate Chief of Clinical Pharmacy Operations at VA HVHCS.

Primary Preceptor (PGY1): Clinical Practice Management, Pharmacy Administration

Primary Preceptor (PGY2): Clinical Pharmacy Management/Administration



Manthan (Manny) Chokshi, PharmD received his PharmD degree from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, PA in 2011 and completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency program at VA HVHCS immediately following. Dr. Chokshi has been a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at VA HVHCS since 2013 and manages the anticoagulation, diabetes, and PACT/primary care at the Montrose Campus and New City and Goshen CBOCs. He is also actively pursuing training in pharmacy data applications and information technology.

Secondary Preceptor (PGY1): Anticoagulation, Primary Care/PACT



Eunsuk (Amanda) Chung, PharmD received her Bachelors of Science in Pharmacy from University of Connecticut in Storrs, CT in 1990 and completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency program at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York, NY immediately following. She later received her PharmD degree from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston, MA in 2010. She has worked at VA HVHCS for since 2006 but has been a pharmacist within the Veterans Health Administration for over 20 years (Coatesville VAMC in Coatesville, PA and Northampton VAMC in Northampton, MA). Dr. Chung is certified in Anticoagulation Therapy Management and Lipid Clinic Preceptorship and is an active member of the Rho Chi Society. Dr. Chung has held her current position as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist managing the anticoagulation, diabetes, and PACT/primary care clinics at the Castle Point Campus for since 2010 and continues to staff in the pharmacy on the weekends.

Secondary Preceptor (PGY1): Anticoagulation, Primary Care/PACT

Secondary Preceptor (PGY2): Ambulatory Care/CBOC PACT, Anticoagulation



Philip (Phil) Forlenza, BS, BCACP received his Bachelors of Science in Pharmacy from St. John's University in Queens, NY in 1986 and his PharmD degree from Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA in 2014. Phil is Board Certified in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy and Immunization and serves as an active member of the United States Air Force and the Society of Air Force Pharmacists. He has been a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at VA HVHCS since 2010 and holds a variety of responsibilities including the management of non-formulary consults, adverse drug reaction reporting, and anticoagulation management. In 2012, Phil implemented the Pharmacy-managed Pain Management Clinic and works collaboratively with the pain management team. Phil has also had extensive experience as a pharmacist in the private institutional as well as community retail pharmacy settings.

Primary Preceptor (PGY1): Pain Management (elective)

Primary Preceptor (PGY2): Pain Management (elective)



Robert (Bob) Lana, PharmD received his Bachelors of Science in Chemistry/Biology from PACE University in White Plains, NY in 1981 and Bachelors of Science in Pharmacy from St. John's University in Queens, NY in 1986. He then received his PharmD degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Science in Little Rock, AK in 2000. Dr. Lana is certified in Immunization and Medication Therapy Management and has served as an Adjunct Faculty member at Albany College of Pharmacy and St. John's University. He is an active member of ACCP, ASHP, and the Connecticut Pharmacists Association. Dr. Lana has been the Chief of Pharmacy at VA HVHCS since 2010 and is responsible for overseeing all clinical, inpatient, and outpatient pharmacy operations at the Castle Point and Montrose Campuses as well as VA HVHCS' seven CBOCs. Prior to this, he has held several clinical and supervisory pharmacy roles throughout his career.

Primary Preceptor (PGY1): Administration

Secondary Preceptor (PGY2): Clinical Pharmacy Management/Administration



Young Lee, PharmD received her Bachelors of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Wyoming in 1990 and PharmD degree from the University of Kansas in 2005. Dr. Lee also has a background and degree in nursing. She has worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs for over 20 years and is currently a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist who specializes in the Home Based Primary Care Program at VA HVHCS.

Primary Preceptor (PGY1): HBPC (elective)

Secondary Preceptor (PGY2): HBPC (elective)



Diane Leung-Liberto, BS received her Bachelors of Science in Pharmacy from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA and is currently enrolled in the PharmD program at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA. Diane has been a Clinical Pharmacist at VA HVHCS since 2010 and currently works at the Castle Point campus responsible for inpatient, outpatient, and long-term care pharmacy services and patient care. Prior to joining the pharmacy team at VA HVHCS, Diane served as a pharmacist in the institutional, long-term care, and managed care settings. She has worked extensively in long term care pharmacy providing care for patients in nursing homes and homes for the disabled.

Primary Preceptor (PGY1): Pharmacy Staffing (CP)



Elaine Kang-Yum, PharmD, BCACP received both her Bachelors of Science in Pharmacy followed by her PharmD degree from St. John's University in Queens, NY in 1983 and 2010, respectively. Dr. Kang-Yum is a Certified Poison Information Specialist, Board Certified in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, and has received a Certificate in Medication Therapy Management (MTM). She is the Founder and Director of the Herbwatch Program at Long Island Regional Poison Center and Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Herbs and Dietary Supplement Group through the American Association of Clinical Toxicology (AACT). Dr. Kang-Yum also serves as an active member on the Community Health Research Committee of the Chinese American Medical Society and has been a grant recipient in the past. She has been a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at VA HVHCS since 2007 and has worked in the anticoagulation, diabetes, and smoking cessation clinics at the Montrose Campus and New City CBOC, but currently specializes in the Home Based Primary Care Program.

Secondary Preceptor (PGY1): HBPC (elective)

Primary Preceptor (PGY2): HBPC (elective)



Yvonne Ma, PharmD received her Bachelors of Science in Pharmacy from Long Island University Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Brooklyn, NY in 1977 and later received her PharmD degree from Albany College of Pharmacy in Albany, NY in 2004. Dr. Ma has been an Infectious Disease Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at VA HVHCS since 2004. In addition to managing the pharmacy infectious disease clinic, Dr. Ma also works in the diabetes and PACT/primary care clinics at the Castle Point Campus. Yvonne also has extensive experience as a pharmacist in the private institutional as well as community retail pharmacy settings. She presently also holds a staff pharmacist position at St. Luke's Cornwall hospital in Newburgh/Cornwall, NY.

Primary Preceptor (PGY1): Infectious Disease

Secondary Preceptor (PGY1): Primary Care/PACT

Primary Preceptor (PGY2): Infectious Disease (elective)

Secondary Preceptor (PGY2): Ambulatory Care/CBOC PACT



Leonard (Lenny) Manzella, BS received his Bachelors of Science in Pharmacy from University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy in Kingston, RI in 1994 and his PharmD degree from Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA in 2014. Lenny has worked at VA HVHCS since 2004. He's held his current position as the Pharmacy Supervisor at the Montrose Campus since 2010 and is responsible for overseeing all inpatient and outpatient pharmacy operations.

Primary Preceptor (PGY1): Pharmacy Staffing (MO)



Karen Smith, PharmD, CGP, BCACP received her PharmD degree from Albany College of Pharmacy in Albany, NY in 2003 and completed a Primary Care specialty residency at VA Maryland Health Care System in Baltimore, MD in 2004. Dr. Smith is an active member of ASHP, ACCP, and ASCP and has completed the Geriatrics Scholars Program offered by the VA Geriatric Research, Education & Clinical Center (GRECC). She currently holds a Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy and is Board Certified in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy. Dr. Smith has been a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at VA HVHCS for since 2005 and currently manages the anticoagulation, diabetes, and PACT/primary care clinics at the Castle Point Campus and Goshen, Port Jervis, and Monticello CBOCs. She also serves as the PGY1 Pharmacy and PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy residency program director, Anticoagulation Coordinator, and precepts pharmacy students from affiliated colleges of pharmacy.

Primary Preceptor (PGY1): Orientation, Project, Pharmacy Education, rural CBOC
Primary Care/PACT

Secondary Preceptor (PGY1): Anticoagulation, Primary Care/PACT

Primary Preceptor (PGY2): Orientation, Ambulatory Care/CBOC PACT, Anticoagulation, Project, Teaching & Health Education



Svitlana (Lana) Stanton, PharmD received her Bachelors of Science in Pharmacy from Long Island University Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Brooklyn, NY in 2010 and PharmD degree from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) in Boston, MA in 2010. Dr. Stanton is certified in Anticoagulation Therapy Management, Immunization, and Medication Therapy Management and is an active member of the Rho Chi Society and ASHP. She has worked at VA HVHCS since 2008 has held her current position as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist managing the anticoagulation, diabetes, and PACT/primary care clinics at the Montrose Campus and Goshen and New City CBOCs since 2010. Dr. Stanton also serves as a chairperson for Pharmacy Professional Standards Board. Prior to this, she was the inpatient long term care (LTC) pharmacist and primary preceptor for the PGY1 Pharmacy Geriatrics/Community Living Center rotation at VA HVHCS. Dr. Stanton has also had extensive experience as a pharmacist in the private institutional as well as community retail pharmacy settings.

Secondary Preceptor (PGY1): Anticoagulation, Primary Care/PACT



Patricia (Trish) Wheeler, BS received her Bachelors of Science in Pharmacy from St. John's University in Queens, NY in 1991. She has worked extensively in long term care (LTC) pharmacy providing care for patients in nursing homes and homes for the disabled. Prior to joining the pharmacy team at VA HVHCS in 2010, Trish also worked in compounding, independent, and chain retail pharmacies. She currently works at the Castle Point campus and is responsible for inpatient, outpatient, and long-term care pharmacy services and patient care.

Primary Preceptor (PGY1): Geriatrics/Community Living Center, Pharmacy Staffing (CP)



Kara Yurkovic, PharmD, CDE received her PharmD degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA in 2008 and completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency program at the Salisbury VA in Salisbury, NC in 2009. Dr. Yurkovic is a Certified Diabetes Educator and active member of AADE and APhA. She has been a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at VA HVHCS since 2010 and currently manages the anticoagulation, diabetes and PACT/primary care clinics at the Castle Point Campus and Carmel CBOC. Dr. Yurkovic also runs a CDE clinic, serves as a chairperson for Clinical Pertinence Reviews, and presents an annual Diabetes presentation to VA HVHCS staff along with a RD and RN. Prior to joining the pharmacy team at VA HVHCS, she was a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the West Haven VA in West Haven, CT.

Primary Preceptor (PGY1): Primary Care/PACT

Secondary Preceptor (PGY1): Anticoagulation

Secondary Preceptor (PGY2): Ambulatory Care/CBOC PACT, Anticoagulation